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SURE STEPS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

"EMBRACING THE RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING"

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QUESTION: What made Christianity the number one world religion?

ANSWER: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What makes the Good News good news? What is the draw of The Resurrection to people decade after decade?

I. THE RESURRECTION MEANS MY GUILT CAN BE REMOVED.

TRUTH: There's not a human alive who doesn't deal with guilt, shame, and regret!

TRUTH: God never intended me to go through life with guilt, shame, and regret (Ephesians 1:7).

The price Christ paid to buy forgiveness and freedom:

1. Unjust treatment
2. His only conviction was the truth: He claimed to be God.
3. Jesus was treated with humiliation.
4. Beaten with a scourge
5. Forced to carry His cross of humiliation and death before a crowd

TRUTH: God hates racism (Luke 23:26).

6. Nailed to the cross by wrists and feet

QUESTION: "Who killed Jesus?"

1. God the Father (Isaiah 53:6)
2. You and I put Christ on the Cross (Romans 4:25).

II. THE RESURRECTION MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DEATH (John 3:16).

TRUTH: The Resurrection proved Jesus' power over man's fear of hell and suffering (2 Peter 1:16; Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

TRUTH: Eyewitness accounts are called conclusive proof, irrefutable evidence that would stand up in any court of law.

III. THE RESURRECTION MEANS GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME TO LIVE IN ME (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8).

INSIGHT: The first Christians were contagious with their faith because they lived in the daily power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:19-20).

TRUTH: God's power is available to any Christian who will yield to the Holy Spirit in their life.

IV. THE RESURRECTION MEANS I CAN BE CERTAIN OF HEAVEN (1 John 5:13; 1 Peter 1:4-5 LB).

INVITATION: "Dear Jesus, today I believe You proved You are God by coming back to life. I ask You to forgive my sins, that You died for on the Cross. I receive Your Spirit into my life to empower me. I commit to live the rest of my life for Your purposes. I'll share your message of love with others... and I trust You to take me to heaven when I die. AMEN."